

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18FR735

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II ☒

Phase III

Project Justification:

Phase II testing was recommended to determine the integrity of archaeological components surrounding the Reed-Stitely House. The testing was warranted to determine the potential impact to archaeological resources caused by the planned demolition of the house.

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Project Objectives:

-Does the site assemblage contain a sufficient number of chronologically diagnostic artifacts to identify a company town (ca. 1840/1860 to 1923) and post company town (1923+) component?

-Can multiple components be identified within either of the two primary components, and can the component(s) be securely dated using artifact chronologies?

-Are sufficient quantities, classes, and types of artifacts, well-preserved organic remains and/or features present to support quantitative and statistical analysis that would answer research questions related to 1) the impacts that the furnace had on the quality of life of its workers, 2) the local economy and trade, 3) management practices at Catoclin Furnace, and 4) how former iron furnace employees adapted to the closing of the furnace in 1923.

Research Potential:

Excavations at 18FR735 reveal a site that is significant and has potential to yield specific information concerning life in the iron furnace company town and general information concerning typical company housing sites of the period. The preservation of archeological remains (particularly wood and leather items) is excellent, given the water-logged and buried nature of the stratigraphic contexts.